

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE TARGETS

State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

Agency Overview

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission (Iowa College Aid) helps students and their families plan, prepare, and pay for college. Iowa College Aid administers Iowa General Fund appropriations for need-based scholarships, grants, and work study opportunities, and advocates on behalf of Iowa students in the public policymaking process. In addition, Iowa College Aid offers a range of services directly to students, families, educators, and the general public. These services include college and career planning, financial literacy support, professional training for educators, regulatory oversight of postsecondary education in the state, postsecondary education research, and services to prevent student loan defaults.

Agency Vision

Iowa College Aid's vision is that all Iowans can achieve an education beyond high school.

Agency Mission

We advocate for and support Iowa students as they explore, finance and complete educational opportunities beyond high school to increase family and community success.

Agency Core Functions

The agency's services, products, and activities relate to the following core functions:

- Education through the administration of scholarship, grant and loan programs
- Resource Management to ensure effective and efficient administration of financial aid for postsecondary education
- Research Analysis and Information Management to support policy-development and advocacy for higher education student aid

Services, Products, and Activities

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission provides a number of services, products, and activities. These include the following:

- 14 state-funded, need-based scholarship, grant, loan forgiveness and work study programs
- The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP Iowa) grant and the College Access Challenge Grant Program for the State of Iowa which are aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.
- I Have A Plan Iowa, Iowa's designated career planning system and community web portal that helps students plan for high school, college and careers.
- The Iowa Financial Literacy Program and other financial literacy tools for students and educators.
- The Iowa College Application Campaign, which is part of a national effort to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. The primary purpose of the campaign is to help high school seniors navigate the college admissions process and provide assistance during the school day to ensure they apply to at least one postsecondary institution.
- FAFSA Completion Project, made possible through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Education. This partnership allows Iowa College Aid to provide local educational agencies, school districts and high schools with data on which of their high school seniors have completed a FAFSA, enabling schools to follow up with students needing assistance.
- Postsecondary Registration provides oversight of out-of-state degree granting institutions that offer programs to Iowa residents and provision of consumer protections for Iowa resident students.

Table of Targets for Services, Products, and Activities – Fiscal Year 2016			
Services, Products, Activities	Outcome Measure(s)	2016 Plan Target	2016 Outcome
Core Function: Education			
Families will have access to student financial aid.	Number of students completing the Iowa Financial Aid Application	18,413	
	Number of students completing the FAFSA	170,724	
	Pell Grant – Total Dollars Awarded to Students in Iowa	287,472,575	
	Number of awards for three major state aid programs...		
	1. Iowa Tuition Grant	11,130	
	2. Iowa Tuition Grant Proprietary	1,520	
	3. Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant	2,480	
	Average scholarship, grant and work study assistance per student. (Average state aid per recipient in major aid programs.)	\$3,479	
Core Function: Resource Management			
Maintenance of Federal Grant Funding to support localized services	Total federal grant dollars awarded to support postsecondary education goals	\$3,700,000	
	Total partner and in-kind match funding provided to support postsecondary education goals	\$3,300,000	
Core Function: Research Analysis and Information Management			
Provide value-added informational resources related to postsecondary access and affordability in Iowa	Number of postsecondary education institutions providing educational opportunities to students in Iowa	1,000	
	Number of postsecondary education institutions registered in Iowa to provide educational opportunities to students	40	
	Number of postsecondary education institutions not required to register in Iowa to provide educational opportunities to students in Iowa	50	

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